



THE PREMIER ENTEGRA DIESEL COACH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Rollin' Along

April 2020

Featuring:

- Upcoming Events
- Technical Hints and Information
- Member Stories
- Recipes for the Coach Life
- Regional Activity
- And more

Content

Presidents Corner	1
From the Editors Desk	2
Rally Ho' – Upcoming Events.....	3
Technical Hints and Information	3
Member Stories.....	7
Recipes for the Coach Life.....	7
Regional Activities.....	9
Destinations	15
What's New in Coaches	16
Entegra Service Highlights	16
Secretary.....	16
Treasurer.....	16
Membership.....	16
FMCA International Area	16
Links of Interest.....	16

Contact Information for Your ECOA Officers

- President – Wm. Patrick (Pat) Bauer
E-Mail: wmpbauer@verizon.net
- Alt National Director – Wayne Baumann
E-Mail: wbauma@aol.com
- Vice President NE – Tom Crowley
E-Mail: crowleytj@gmail.com
- Vice President NW – Don Enns
E-Mail: pulfit@mymts.net
- Vice President SE – Goldie Hanson
E-Mail: hdgoldie@gmail.com
- Vice President Membership – Linda Hanson
E-Mail: leelou07@icloud.com
- Sr Vice President – Gary Jones
E-Mail: gary.jones@LSUS.edu
- Treasurer – Mario LaCute
E-Mail: mlacute1@yahoo.com
- Vice President SW – Bill Stone
E-Mail: mhds3@aol.com
- National Director – Terry Walker
E-Mail: twwalk@aol.com
- Secretary – Ray Wenig
E-Mail: rpwenig@gmail.com

Entegra Coach Owners Association (ECOA) Newsletter "Rollin' Along"

Volume 3 Issue 4, April 2020
Produced by: Dana Sawyer
dana.sawyer350@gmail.com

Presidents Corner

Greetings all,

Welcome to the new world order!

Medarda and I are practicing social distancing from our home in Tampa Bay. We are hoping we will have an opportunity to begin our travels, but suspect we will need to keep our options open and flexible going forward.

This virus is changing our world and how we interact with each other. For instance, golf would seem a great activity you can do while social distancing. We all drive separate golf carts, no longer fist bump or high five, and no one dares touch the flagstick! On the plus side, we don't have to rake sand traps (they took away the rakes) and we all play with dirty balls because the ball washers have been removed. No one is gambling anymore because of social distancing and no beer gathering so the winners can brag and get congrats for a great round. It is good to be able to have such an activity during this crisis.

The virus is also changing things for us personally. Medarda and I both voted early! We were the only people there, so we were in and out in five minutes. We plan on voting absentee in the fall, but this too could change. We've sworn off some of the personal grooming stuff. Haircuts are out and manicures too. Please forgive us if we look a bit rough, next time you see us! No masks available? Medarda has been hard at work sewing us some. We wear them out in public. We both love to cook so it didn't bother us at the grocery where ALL the convenience food was gone. We found plenty of fresh foods to be ingredients in our various concoctions! Personally, I thank my mother for making me cook entire meals when I was just five years old! I do however, want to address the issue of hoarding. The toilet paper aisle was the first to empty out! First words out of my mouth, "REALLY?" Grocery shopping has changed in amazing ways. Gloves, masks, wipes, touching ANYTHING you don't have to, wow! Who'd a thunk it?

I'm so glad they pushed back the tax deadline to July. I'm going to have to pay this year, so I get to hold on to my money for a little longer. I'll even earn some interest on it; ok, it's only .01% so it's less than a dollar, but I'm winning the game, right?

Given this RVing holiday, we have started planning the 2021 season. Since we are way early in the process, we'd like your input. If you know of a great location, campground with full hook-ups and a building for meals, and some great catering options, send us a note at wmpbauer@verizon.net. We really do, absolutely, need your help!

Speaking of help, we are all thinking about the pandemic, front and center. We have a new normal, and we all have to adjust. Please be a good neighbor!

Our RV lives will change too. Get supplies to spritz campground hookups, sanitizing faucets, sewer caps, electrical boxes and cable hookups. Spritz before you touch. Spritz when you leave. Use what you're convinced will work. Clorox, Lysol, whatever works. But above all else, be a good camper. Wash your hands hard (pretend you're a doctor)! It goes without saying, practice social distancing. You can still make new friends in this new paradigm. Just be a really good citizen as you do so. Let's look out for each other!

Entegra Coach has closed temporarily due to governmental regulations in Indiana. If you were scheduled to go there for service or your AIR, please be more than patient as they have to deal in challenging and extraordinary ways. You will find (in this newsletter) a statement from Entegra Coach as to how they are changing their service procedures to protect their employees and you. Please take time to read that statement carefully.

Rallies will have to change somewhat, at least in the short term. Meals together may require that food is served rather than plating our own food from a buffet. Social distancing may require that we eat in shifts with changes in the number of people that can be accommodated in an enclosed space, or we

move outdoors. Our rallies may have to be smaller and maybe regional in nature because of restrictions. Please understand we will need to move forward carefully and probably in small steps as we learn to adapt. We will do all we can to ensure your safety, and you will need to become a well-informed partner to everyone's benefit. Like it or not, we have to both look out for ourselves at the same time we demonstrate our own responsibility for everyone else's health and well-being.

Needless to say, we will get through this. Please be patient and vigilant as we learn to navigate these new and very uncomfortable waters.

From the Editors Desk

Like many full-timers, work campers, and snow birds, we found ourselves in the position of having to travel to another place because our reservation and work came to its planned seasonal end on March 31st.

I had planned to write a reality TV like dramatic story of the trials involved in traveling through five states during this COVID-19 crisis, but the truth is that it was truly without drama. We stopped at six different campgrounds during our trip of 2058 miles.

Every resort/campground had measures in place to reduce or eliminate social contact with the office and because we are self-contained, there was no need to use any common facilities. Well before leaving we had stocked up on food and we did spray hookups with a Clorox mix (already in place for the water connections) and did plenty of hand washing.

Hopefully everyone needing to travel has had and will have similar luck.

Checkout the puzzles at the end.

Rally Ho' – Upcoming Events




COVID-19 and State mandates have forced the cancellation of events that are crossed off.

- ~~May 04, 2020 to May 08, 2020 – Sevierville, Tennessee; Tennessee Spring Rally 2020~~
- ~~May 19, 2020 to May 22, 2020 – Goshen, Indiana; Entegra Homecoming 2020~~
- ~~June 8, 2020 to June 12, 2020 – Wisconsin Dells Rally~~
- **July 06, 2020 to July 10, 2020 – Spearfish, South Dakota; ECOA Rally Spearfish, SD**
- ~~August 25, 2020 to August 30, 2020 – Lincoln, Nebraska; FMCA Family Reunion~~
- **September 21, 2020 to September 25, 2020 – Update: Traverse City, MI; Summerfest Rally**
- **October 07, 2020 to October 11, 2020 – Albuquerque, New Mexico; ECOA Albuquerque Balloon Festival**
- **(Tentative) December 31, 2020 to January 2, 2021 – Jupiter, Florida; New Years Bash Rally**

Check the ECOA Web Page for details
<http://www.entegraowners.com/>

Technical Hints and Information

MUST HAVE APPs - Available from Your APP Store

	ENTEGRA COACH - Quick access to manuals, service locations, events and more
	SPARTAN CONNECTED CARE - Access to maintenance schedules, diagnostic codes, key contacts and more
	IRV2 - RV FORUM - Supporting thoughtful exchange of knowledge, values, and experience among RV enthusiasts (select owners forum then Entegra)
	COACHNET - ALLSTAYS - TRUCKER PATH -

Message from Entegra By Joyce Skinner

Dear Friends:

Exciting news- we are getting ready to reopen for business on May 4th! With this in mind, I wanted to share what this means for us in our customer service call center, our service shop, and you, our valued customers. In preparation, our main goal is not only the safety of our employees, but that of our customers as well, so these are some changes that we feel necessary at this time.

First, I will tell you about what we are doing to ensure our employees' safety at the factory:

1. We are all going to be wearing masks as we move about our facility during the day. We will also be wearing gloves as necessary.

2. We will continue to practice social distancing. Meetings to be limited to 10 or less, work stations will be 6ft. apart from one another, tape placed on the floors to prevent folks from getting too close to one another, etc.
3. As you know from previous reports, we are currently working from home with skeleton crews in all areas. Those working from home now will return to work on May 4th. A handful of us, including myself, will return on April 27th so that we can get ready for opening the doors on May 4th – as long as nothing changes with the governor's return to work orders.
4. Those employees that have been temporarily furloughed will be called back to work on an as-needed basis so that we get back to work in a necessary fashion as it pertains to business needs.
4. No more than 10 customers allowed in the customer lounge at any given time.
5. Once the coach is brought inside the service shop, it must remain inside – coaches will not be brought out at the end of the day. You can choose to drop the coach, leave, and return to pick up when repairs are finished or you may choose to stay in a nearby hotel at your expense. We have the Hampton just down the road from us and their phone number is (574)-822-0288. Please note, they do not accept pets. The nearby Staybridge Suites in Elkhart is pet friendly. Their phone # is 574-970-8488 and their address is 3252 Cassopolis St. 46514.
6. If you have been sick recently, currently under the weather, or around someone who has been, please notify us to reschedule your appointment.

Secondly, we realize that while we try to keep ourselves, and our customers, safe and healthy, we must also ask our customers to do the same as us when arriving for your service appointment. Therefore, the following rules have been put into place for the time being. As we are allowed to “let up” on these stipulations, we will make sure you are aware of any changes that might be made going forward:

1. Your coach interior must be wiped down on the morning of your check in to ensure that our tech will be safe when he goes out to bring your coach into the shop. This means that the hard surfaces such as countertops, stovetops, handles, steering wheel, anything that the tech may have to touch, be wiped down with some sort of Clorox wipe (as an example).
2. Only one person per coach will be allowed into the service shop during the check-in process with your advisor and lead tech. The same will apply when checking out.
3. You will not be allowed to re-enter the coach at all while it is in the service shop so anything that is needed should be taken out prior to your check-in.

We apologize now for any inconvenience that may be caused during this time, but we hope you will also agree that desperate times call for desperate measures. We are trying to make the best of it. We want to ensure the safety of all of us and your help in making this happen will be greatly appreciated. The more we work together, the more we will be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Also canceled at this time will be the June 1st Entegra University Class. Again, with the Indiana state mandate of no more than 10 people assembled together at a time, it is necessary to cancel this class as we have all others leading up to this point. Those of you affected by this latest cancellation will be notified by PJ Clanton and reimbursements will be made.

And lastly – our call center remains open, as always, and ready to help if we can (800-517-9137). Should you have any questions at all about any of this information, please be sure to reach out to me via phone or email – please see my contact information below.

In closing, I just want to say thank you for your continued support, for your business, and for your friendships. We are who we are today because of each of you! Take care and stay well, my friends!

“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope”. – Martin Luther King

Joyce Skinner
 Director, Customer Experience
 Jayco Motorhome Group
 Phone: 800.517.9137
 Cell: 574.361.6006
 Fax: 574.825.6091

Email: joyce_skinner@jayco.com



Tip from Entegra

Remember to release slide out switches as soon as it reaches full extension/retraction instead of holding the switch, letting it shut off on its own. This prevents stress and damage to the components in the system

Entegra Storage Tips

By PJ

As these times are ever changing in response to a global pandemic, sadly some of you may be getting a late start or possibly an early ending to your Motorhome season. With that in mind, we would like to give you a simple run down of best practices while storing your Entegra Coach Motorhome. Here are just a few tips, obviously allowing for many variables unknown, based on location and equipment.

Storage for us always begins with one question; with or without power? We would like to give you options for both.

Without Power:

- Turn everything off, if it has a power button; use it!
- Unplug any unnecessary power cords, i.e. phone chargers, printer, coffeemaker, etc.
- Empty; refrigerator, icemaker, external freezer (if equipped)
- Model Year 2017 to current; turn off battery disconnects and inverter disconnects in passenger basement. (excludes Reatta/Reatta XL)
- Model Year 2016 and older; To achieve a full battery-disconnect, you must disconnect the leads from the batteries. Might we suggest that you take a photo of the connections first before you disconnect any cables. (includes Reatta/Reatta XL)

With Power:

Question 1: What type of power? 50/30/20/15

Question 2: Will my cord reach?

- If you have full 50-amp power and your supplied power cord reaches the storage power supply (most ideal) your preparations are minimal.
 - It is advised to empty refrigerator, icemaker, and external freezer (if equipped)

- Turn off inverter(s); you are only disabling the inverter side, not the charger. (This is a precaution in case the storage facility would lose power, it would not run your battery down within a matter of hours.)
- Unplug any unnecessary power cords, i.e. phone chargers, printer, coffeemaker, etc.
- Turn off all lights in the coach (do not forget about the basement and front fender)
- Turn off main power switch at passenger console.
- If you have 30-amp power and your supplied power cord reaches the storage power supply (ideal) you will need to make just a few changes.
 - It is advised to empty refrigerator, icemaker, and external freezer (if equipped)
 - Turn off inverter(s); you are only disabling the inverter side, not the charger. (This is a precaution in case the storage facility would lose power, it would not run your battery down within a matter of hours.)
 - Unplug any unnecessary power cords, i.e. phone chargers, printer, coffeemaker, etc.
 - Turn off all lights in the coach (do not forget about the basement and front fender)
 - Turn off the breaker for Inverter # 2 (Anthem/Cornerstone) in main breaker box. NOTE: This will remove power from certain components which may include refrigerator, be sure to make the proper adjustments to avoid any spoiled messes.
 - Turn off main power switch at passenger console.
- If you have less than 30-amp power and your supplied power cord reaches the storage power supply (ideal) you will need to make just a few changes.
 - It is advised to empty refrigerator, icemaker, and external freezer (if equipped)
 - Turn off inverter(s); you are only disabling the inverter side, not the charger. (This is a precaution in case the storage facility would lose power, it would not run your battery down within a matter of hours.)
 - Unplug any unnecessary power cords, i.e. phone chargers, printer, coffeemaker, etc.
 - Turn off all lights in the coach (do not forget about the basement and front fender)
 - Turn off the breaker for Inverter # 2 (Anthem/Cornerstone) in main breaker box. NOTE: This will remove power from certain components which may include refrigerator, be sure to make the proper adjustments to avoid any spoiled messes.
 - Turn off main power switch at passenger console.
- lose power, it would not run your battery down within a matter of hours.)
- Unplug any unnecessary power cords, i.e. phone chargers, printer, coffeemaker, etc.
- Turn off all lights in the coach (do not forget about the basement and front fender)
- Adjust incoming shore power setting to match what you have available, i.e. 20/15/10
- Turn off the breaker for Inverter # 2 (Anthem/Cornerstone) in main breaker box. NOTE: This will remove power from certain components which may include refrigerator, be sure to make the proper adjustments to avoid any spoiled messes.
- Turn off main power switch at passenger console.
- If you have any power supply (50/30/20/15) but your supplied power cord does not reach the storage power supply, you will need to make these changes.
 - Adjust incoming shore power settings to 5AMPS
 - It is advised to empty refrigerator, icemaker, and external freezer (if equipped)
 - Turn off inverter(s); you are only disabling the inverter side, not the charger. (This is a precaution in case the storage facility would lose power, it would not run your battery down within a matter of hours.)
 - Unplug any unnecessary power cords, i.e. phone chargers, printer, coffeemaker, etc.
 - Turn off all lights in the coach (do not forget about the basement and front fender)
 - Turn off the breaker for Inverter # 2 (Anthem/Cornerstone) in main breaker box. NOTE: This will remove power from certain components which may include refrigerator, be sure to make the proper adjustments to avoid any spoiled messes.
 - Turn off main power switch at passenger console.

Member Stories

Do you have a story to share?

Did you post an interesting bit on Facebook? Did you make a discovery or have an adventure? Do you volunteer for an organization? Good or bad, happy or sad, exhilarating, or frustrating, your story may help or inspire others. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

dana.sawyer350@gmail.com

Recipes for the Coach Life

Share A Favorite Recipe

Do you have a favorite recipe that is made for the coach kitchen? We would love to have you share that recipe. Provide the list of ingredients, instructions, and photos. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

dana.sawyer350@gmail.com

Seasons Best Dog Biscuits By Linda Hanson, ECOA VP

QUARANTINE...The word we have all come to love, hate, respect, and most of all try to understand where to put this new reality into our lives! All we do know is that it has become a part of our lives and we are in a world that we did not want nor ask for. So now what, right? I think back to a few times when my parents were given trials to overcome and the words they always said were, "Oh, this is nothing, my parents went through the Great Depression, now that was bad". That was always a comfort to me and I knew as long as it wasn't the Great Depression again, we could conquer anything. Today, we hear this could be worse than the "Great Depression", but it does not matter. Point being

folks; We Will Conquer! We are Americans. The Great Melting Pot. We have each other and we will not let anyone or any one thing tell us to stay in Quarantine forever. We are blessed to have the technology during this era unlike the Great Depression. We can FaceTime, text, message, call and yes, still Snail Mail in a reasonable amount of time. I know there are some of you stuck in places you do not want to be, but Praise the Lord you are safe. I am praying you are all healthy too. Which brings me to the recipe of this article. I decided to dedicate to our most beloved travelers that go on the road with us. As some of you know, we love our boxer, Bella. She is now 10 years old. She likes a good cookie, so here is a recipe we got from her favorite veterinarian (and I want to give a shout out to Petersen Pet Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for staying open and available for our furry family):



SEASON'S BEST DOG BISCUITS

- 2-1/2 cups old fashioned oats
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
 - 1/4 cup dried blueberries
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees
 2. Place oats in a food processor and pulse for 15-30 seconds until oats are ground to flour.
 3. In a medium bowl, whisk together oat flour, eggs, applesauce, and blueberries. If dough is too crumbly, add 2 Tbsp. water and mix. If dough is still too crumbly, add more water 1 Tbsp. at a time until dough can be formed into a ball.
 4. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a small cookie scoop, form dough into small balls (about 1-1/2" in diameter) and place them on the baking sheet. Spray the flat side of a spatula with non-stock spray and gently flatten the dough balls into discs.
 5. Bake biscuits for 15 minutes until golden brown around edges. Let treats cool completely on a wire rack before serving to your favorite fur baby.

Ricotta Cheese Pancakes (a la Linda)

By Linda Sawyer

- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1 egg
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 Tablespoon sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup almond flour
1. Mix dry ingredients together and set aside.
 2. Beat remaining ingredients together until smooth, then slowly add in dry ingredients until well blended.
 3. Let sit 5 minutes.
 4. Cook as usual on greased griddle. Mixture will be thick, spread slightly on griddle.
 5. Makes 8-10 4-inch pancakes

Note: If you choose you can use an equal amount of buttermilk in place of regular milk, just substitute 1 teaspoon of baking soda for the baking powder in the recipe.



Regional Activities

Making Lemonade Out of Lemons

By Tom Crowley, ECOA VP

I know we are all upset about having our travel plans put on hold while the world tries to flatten COVID19 Pandemic. Lynn and I planned to spend time on the East Coast this summer and were looking at putting on a rally in this part of the country. We planned traveling to New Jersey where I grew up and then to NY, and Plymouth, Massachusetts to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims landing. On my mother side we go back to George Soule who came over on the Mayflower as a man servant to Edward Winslow. We had a reservation for a month at a campground in Plymouth.

So, what do we do in the mean time? Now is a great time to look at projects that can be done to improve our Beautiful Entegra motor homes. IRV2: <https://www.irv2.com/forums/f278/>

has lots of projects that have been done by Entegra owners. Lynn and I have done a few and have a few more to do with our time being locked down.

Currently we are staying at our winter home in Chiefland, FL. It is located 45 miles west of Gainesville, FL and is in the heart of farming country. Back in 1990 we picked this location to support my hobbies of astronomy and ham radio. The Chiefland Astronomy Village is good and dark, plus radio quiet compared to our town home in Atlanta. I can have large antennas setup so communication to the world is possible. The astronomy observatory has a 10-inch telescope used for imaging plus 18- and 24-inch telescopes for visual observing. With that said, being locked down here is not all that bad, we plan on staying here until things settle down and work on projects that we have been putting on hold.

Stay safe and as importantly stay busy with those projects that you have been putting off.

Greetings from Canada

By Don Enns, ECOA VP

Likely similar to all our fellow ECOA members, both Charlene and I are in “hibernation” at home in Winnipeg. Luckily, we live in a region that is doing extremely well in the ongoing fight against the coronavirus and our numbers are subsequently quite low. Charlene is still teaching, and doing so while online from our home, while our son in his third year of Engineering, is completing his studies for this term at home, and consequently is not missing his long daily commute to the university. Presently I am the only person leaving our home on a regular basis, which is usually to just restock with groceries, and to my job on the frontlines as a Platoon Chief of Fire Operations for the Winnipeg Fire Department. I am very pleased to say that thus far not one single Fire Fighter, Police Officer, nor Paramedic in Winnipeg has tested positive for COVID – 19, but we all know this could easily quickly change.

Our coach is still in winter storage and it appears that I likely will not put it on the road until June or July, and only if we have somewhere to go as all Manitoba campgrounds are now closed. Crossing the USA / Canada border is a definite no go for now, as is crossing over into any of the other Canadian provinces. The good news is, and that seems to be a rare statement nowadays, so again the good news is that I filled up with fuel and was thrilled to have saved more than \$ 100 Canadian. over what I was paying just last year. So, with the money we are now saving on fuel, and with the money we are not spending on ECOA rallies, we now have more money to spend on “junk food” while we self-isolate at home getting fat watching Netflix.

Over the last several months, Charlene and I had put a considerable amount of time into developing the 2020 ECOA Wisconsin Dells Rally scheduled to start on June 8th, 2020. Registration pre COVID – 19, was extremely positive, and it appeared the rally would fill to capacity by May. However, with the current situation and after consultation with Pat Bauer with

the recognition that the well-being of our members is our primary concern, the ECOA wisely decided to cancel this rally. The good news is that all our previous efforts will not be wasted, as we will most likely just reschedule to 2021 and change the event name to the 2021 ECOA Wisconsin Dells Rally.

Needless to say, this pandemic will likely have a huge impact upon how we will interact in the future and upon the ECOA gatherings paradigm. We will evolve to move away from shaking hands and adopt the more hygiene practice of the "elbow bump". But we will indeed survive, and we will indeed stage more ECOA gatherings. To that end, Charlene and I are still in communications with the FMCA in regards to the opportunity of joining their contingent at the 2021 Calgary Stampede in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. But instead of stopping at this destination with just a single rally, we are exploring the possibility of dramatically extending that rally to include another four or five rally events ultimately forming a "rolling rally" which will extend over three Canadian provinces and into two American states. The preliminary plan calls for the first leg of the rolling rally to start at the Calgary Stampede in July of 2021 lasting about four to five days. The second leg is tentatively planned to take those so inclined to Canmore, Alberta, a community just immediately north of Calgary which will provide the ideal access point for day trips into Banff and the Canadian Rockies. This leg will last also about four to six days. The third leg will see the rolling rally move east into Saskatchewan likely stopping at several locations and likely including a stop to visit the Tunnels of Moose Jaw where Al Capone many years ago conducted business, albeit illicit, from Canada fueled by Canadian whiskey. The fourth leg will take the rolling rally back into Winnipeg Beach, the home of the first 2019 ECOA OH Canada Rally. The next leg will head directly south into Minnesota where we will visit the thriving great lakes port of Duluth. And the sixth and final leg will end in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin where we will hopefully stage the rescheduled 2021 ECOA Wisconsin Dells Rally.

So that is what is presently in the works and luckily while we shelter in place at home in Winnipeg, I will have some time to devote to planning other exciting events for the future.

To finish, I am hopeful you just may accept some advice from a very experienced disaster management mitigation expert. We will survive this pandemic and we will indeed thrive once again. But we must move forward with a strategy based upon scientifically proven fact and developed upon best past practices. We are incredibly lucky as this pandemic has not attacked our food supply nor our infrastructure as say a hurricane or earthquake could or would. All we must do now is STAY AT HOME. And the irony is that how many times have we complained in the past that we are too busy and just want to stay home and do nothing. Well that opportunity has now presented itself, so please, PLEASE just stay at home. You can now wax that coach by hand.

In conclusion, stay safe, stay well, and again stay at home. And we hope to see you soon at the other end of the proverbial pandemic tunnel.

Oh yes, I almost forgot, please do not forget to wash your hands after reading this article.

Greetings from SW Florida By Goldie Hanson, ECOA VP

Greetings from beautiful SW Florida! Rick and I are fully into "Safer at Home" mode trying to make the best of the current situation while hoping to salvage at least part of our summer travel plans. Our departure date is planned for May 31st with the first overnight stop to be at Cummins in Ocala for a full service before heading north and west for a summer worth of travel. Right now, the first longer stay of our trip is closed with a possible reopen on June 1st. The other longer stays are all still closed for the season so we wait while starting to prep the coach. We need to be prepared regardless of the status of

our travel plans since Mother Nature may gift us with a hurricane if we do remain here for the summer. We are fortunate to have a home with pool, dock and boat so being home is not the hardship it is for others but it also means we are the first to need to evacuate in case of a storm. Ironically, we purchased our first coach solely as a “hurricane evacuation vehicle” capable of holding all our family if needed (at that time we had Rick’s parents and our fur-kids to consider). We had no idea that we would end up with a beautiful second home on wheels that would allow us to explore our incredible country.

I think most of us are familiar with the larger resorts where many escape for summer so I thought I would share some information about a few surprisingly nice overnight stops we have found along the way. Our trips are usually focused on our destination stops (this summer those will hopefully include Elkhorn Ridge, Polson and Grizzly). But getting to those stops means a lot of one- and two-night stops at campgrounds we have not seen. When planning my first concern is always the length of the sites available. We prefer to stay in locations that do not require that we unhook. Full hookups, paved roads and sites are always preferable but not always possible. From there it is just read the reviews and hope you picked the right spot. It is always a treat when the campground you selected turns out to be so nice that you would not only return but you would, and sometimes do, stay for longer than those couple of nights originally planned.

KOA campgrounds sometimes get a bad rep – and we have been in a few that deserved exactly that – but the very first KOA campground in Billings, MT is not one of them. This is a beautiful, fully paved resort with grassy areas, well maintained and widely spaced sites, and so many amenities that you would need to stay for a week just to try them all. We wish all KOA campgrounds could have truly followed this model.

Twin Oaks RV Park in Elko, GA is our go-to spot when heading north. It is not paved but the sites are long

and level with good hookups. This is a smaller campground, well-kept with friendly folks and neat little pieces of whimsy scattered around the park. Pet and people friendly, it makes a great stop.

Fernbrook RV Park in Longview, TX is worthy of a longer stay. Fully paved with nice landscaping, long sites, and good utilities this was a great stop when we were traveling last summer with three other Entegras. They were the only stop at a smaller park that had prepared for our arrival and had all four of us staged off the highway immediately (I shudder every time I think about the number of times we ended up with coaches sitting on a highway waiting for a drive to clear). We were checked in and parked with impressive speed. A nice park, with friendly and welcoming people.

Wichita Falls RV Park in Wichita Falls, TX was another pleasant surprise. This is a large park and, although not fully paved, the sites are long and well-spaced with good hookups, landscaping is well maintained and, again, friendly folks in both the office and in the campground. I must admit that I was not expecting a lot at this one. I had spent time in Wichita Falls working with a client there and was a little concerned what we would find in a campground in the city. Wish all our “maybe” campgrounds had turned out to be this nice!

The Longhorn Ranch RV Resort in Dubois, WY is located at the back door of the Tetons, not far from Jackson. Although gravel, it is a large resort with a lot of long sites nicely spaced in a well-maintained park. This is a quiet, peaceful park with the Wind River flowing though. Close enough for an easy drive to the sights but nice enough that you are not sure you want to make the effort. There is also a fun rodeo in Dubois if you are in the area.



Now that I am once again wishing we were rolling down the highway instead of “Safer at Home”, I will get back to one of the many projects that I suddenly have time to tackle. Rick and I hope and pray all our Entegra family stay safe and well wherever your home is located.

Fuel Option for Consideration **By Gary Jones, ECOA Sr. VP**

My Conversion from a “Truck-Stop-Avoider” to a Love’s Believer (TSD Card).

Many years ago, when I was pursuing my doctoral training in graduate school, the professors, who worked our butts off from September to May left our activity over the summer largely to us. They wanted to go on vacation also and even relax a little. However, we still spent most of our time working on our research experiments for our thesis and dissertation or preparing for exams, but there was still some down-time. So, I had always wanted to drive a semi as a kid and did start driving freight near the end of college, so it was easy to go out and find a summer job driving a semi delivering freight and later furniture.

My companies had terminals and most fueling was done there, but sometimes on longer trips I needed to fuel at truck stops. We had a card and a negotiated price for fuel and I knew that I always

paid lower prices than advertised. So, it really made me angry with this Anthem and Cornerstone that I knew that even though I had the same engines as most semi-trucks, they were paying a heck of a lot less per gallon than I was and my only “discount” option was the Good Sam relationship with Pilot/FJ. So, I tried my best to always avoid truck stops. I resented their upcharge to non-commercial diesel purchasers as well as their upcharge for the use of credit cards. I use cards almost completely these days and take very little cash with me while on the road in the Cornerstone.

So, I would consult the GasBuddy iPhone app for fueling prices and I found a great credit card issued by the Pentagon Federal Credit Union (not available any more) that gave me 5% back of my total fuel purchase if purchased at any outside pump. So, I would carefully examine what prices were available usually right across the street from a truck stop that did not charge me the truck-stop upcharge and did permit me to use my PenFed card for purchases and I usually was able to save approximately 30 cents a gallon off the truck stop credit card charges. I was also almost always able to “beat” the Good Sam card price by a significant amount. So, I rarely patronized any truck stop and I virtually always saved enough money to make it worth my while. I spent a lot of time on the internet trying to find the right “car” place that I could get into and out of, so it cost me time, but I saved money.

Then I got wind of the TSD EFS card middle of last fall. The EFS card is a standard for many truck companies and lets their trucks fuel at all the major truck stops at a significant discount from the advertised credit card or cash price. Then the company pays for the fuel when billed. Seemed to be too good to be true. Many early adopters reported some amazing discounts of from 40 to 65 cents a gallon below the advertised prices. The card is offered by TSD Logistics of Texarkana. They opened their own truck discount to include diesel Motorcoach owners. That helps their own truck price because now instead of having let us say 400 trucks, they have a combined total of let us say 9400

units. They have a much better chance of negotiating a much deeper discount for everyone. So, I opened a separate checking account where I could move money quickly from my main checking account into this "diesel" account and set that account up to be debited by TSD and EFS for my fuel purchases. The debit is usually taken 2 to 3 days after my purchase. I do not move small amounts over with each purchase. I put in \$1,000 or some convenient figure at one time and then replenish that amount as I use it up with three or four fuelings.

Well, this is the best thing that has happened to diesel pushers since sliced bread. Wow. The system works great! The discounts are better than anything that I can do any other way. My discounts are the same as reported above. Really amazing. I have used the EFS card now for my 3-month trip to the desert Southwest for the winter and it was amazing. I used Loves exclusively as Loves has the best discount. Pilot / Flying J used to be part of the system but had to withdraw due to an exclusive agreement with Good Sam, but this TSD/EFS discount puts that whole business to shame and I will likely never use it again, and I likely will never use P/FJ again until they re-join the TSD system. If you have not made the decision to become part of this system, you are missing the biggest money saver to diesel-pusher owners that I have ever encountered. Literally too good to pass up. So far, I have not heard a single complaint from anyone who has used the system, and there are like 9,000 new Motorcoach users of the EFS system. You can Google TSDs web site and give it an active consideration. It is a no brainer.

the Up, Up and Away Balloon Festival in Lakeland, Florida.

The brain child of club member, Ron Clukey, the event hosted 30 balloonists, numerous vendors, and musicians. Held at the Sun and Fun campground and aircraft museum at the Lakeland Airport, there was plenty of space to spread out and enjoy the sights.

While the weather did not cooperate until the second day, people were able to enjoy tethered balloons, eat fair type food and speak to other Entegra owners and balloon enthusiasts. The Air Museum was open offering discounted entry to attendees.

Saturday evening saw the first evening glow. Tethered balloons lit up the night in a variety of colors. The whooshing sound of the fires filled the air and the applause of adults and children was well deserved. Another Glow was held on Sunday evening.

The mass ascension took place on Sunday morning. At 7:30 am the thirty balloons filled the air, drifting to an unseen landing area. Sunshine made each balloon glisten as they moved to the southwest. The rest of the day attendees were able to again see the balloons on the ground, listen to music and generally have an enjoyable Florida day.

It is hoped this will become a yearly event. Hopefully it will and provide a taste of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta for those who cannot manage the drive to New Mexico.

Up, Up and Away Rally By Pat & Medarda Bauer

Even though we stay in our "sticks and bricks" throughout the winter months, we make an effort to exercise our coach, revving up the systems on a monthly basis. Our selected trip for February was



Destinations

Tell Us About Your Favorite Destination

Share your favorite destination or travel stop with other members. Send a short blurb with the locations name, address, ease of access, size of sites, and photos if possible., especially of you and your coach at the location. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

dana.sawyer350@gmail.com

Hacienda RV Resort By Dana Sawyer

A highly rated Resort with paved streets, generous sites, and many amenities. Located in Las Cruces, New Mexico right off I-10 this is a great overnight stop and easily fit our 43 foot Aspire and towed Wrangler Unlimited without unhooking. Day trips to the White Sands National Monument, White Sands Missile Range Museum, and National Space Hall of Fame are possibilities.

Butterfield RV Resort & Observatory By Dana Sawyer

This is a stop we have been looking forward to making for several years because they have an observatory with nightly shows. Unfortunately for us we stopped here during the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing did not allow us to participate in the observatory.

Located in Benson, Arizona a short distance off I-10 this is a highly rated Resort. Access is easy, sites and streets are paved, and there is a wide range of amenities. Unfortunately, the sites are too short for us to stay hooked up but that is the only fault we could find.

This is a great place to stay if you plan to spend a few days and visit local attractions like Kartchner

Caverns, Tombstone, Bisbee Copper Mine, or even the Chiricahua National Monument.



Dallas NE Campground By Dana Sawyer

Just off I-30 in Caddo Mills, Texas this RV Park is about 40 minutes North East of downtown Dallas making it a good stop when traveling eastbound to avoid the morning rush of Dallas. Not fancy, but well maintained with pull-thru sites that accommodate our 43 foot Aspire and towed Wrangler Unlimited without unhooking. We have stayed here overnight twice and found the staff to be friendly and helpful.



Secretary

Treasurer

Treasurers Official Report -ANNUAL AUDIT: An annual audit of the chapter's financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

Membership

FMCA International Area

What's New in Coaches

Did you know that if you set your awning remote to "00" both awnings can be extended or retracted at the same time?

Entegra Service Highlights

Great Service Stories or Tips

Share your service experience with other members. Send a short story with names, places, and a description of the task. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at: dana.sawyer350@gmail.com

Links of Interest

LINKS OF INTEREST

- ECOA Web Page <http://www.entegraowners.com/>
- ECOA Apparel <https://ecoa.logosoftwear.com/>
- Entegra Coach <https://www.entegracoach.com/>
- Spartan Chassis <http://www.spartanmotors.com/rv-range/>
- FMCA <https://www.fmca.com/>
- IRV2 <http://www.irv2.com/forums/f278/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Entegra (M-F, 8-5) 800-517-9137
- Entegra (after hours emergency) 574-361-0034
- Spartan (M-F, 8-5) 866-383-3695
- Spartan (after hours emergency) 800-543-4277

G	A	K	R	E	A	T	T	A	H	H	L	M	F	Z	S	O	H
E	S	L	U	X	U	R	Y	D	V	P	K	D	A	C	N	N	J
V	P	Z	W	T	E	L	E	V	I	S	I	O	N	E	A	E	A
U	I	B	Q	C	O	R	N	E	R	S	T	O	N	E	V	F	K
W	R	D	S	X	Y	N	E	N	S	S	E	C	U	R	I	T	Y
F	E	C	O	M	F	O	R	T	Y	G	N	V	H	F	G	E	W
W	A	O	F	S	D	F	G	U	H	J	T	K	E	L	A	C	Q
I	R	U	A	B	O	N	T	R	A	G	E	R	A	W	T	O	E
N	E	N	R	T	Y	U	I	E	O	P	G	Z	T	S	I	N	K
D	C	T	G	E	N	E	R	A	T	O	R	X	D	C	O	N	C
S	L	E	V	B	N	F	I	L	T	R	A	T	I	O	N	E	O
H	I	R	M	Q	S	P	A	R	T	A	N	E	E	R	T	C	O
I	N	T	Y	U	T	I	S	H	O	W	E	R	S	O	V	T	K
E	E	O	P	A	O	S	D	F	A	N	T	H	E	M	E	I	T
L	R	P	G	H	R	J	K	L	I	Z	X	C	L	V	N	O	O
D	I	S	H	W	A	S	H	E	R	B	N	M	P	O	T	N	P
I	U	Y	T	R	G	E	W	Q	F	I	R	E	P	L	A	C	E
P	O	W	E	R	E	I	N	F	O	T	A	I	N	M	E	N	T

Find 32 words associated with ENTEGRA

Adventure, Air, Anthem, Aspire, Bontrager, Comfort, Connection, Cooktop, Cornerstone, Countertops, Diesel, Dishwasher, Entegra, Fan, Filtration, Fireplace, Generator, Heat, Infotainment, Luxury, Navigation, Reatta, Recliner, Security, Shower, Sink, Sofa, Spartan, Storage, Television, Vent, Windshield,

	9	7		4	5	6	3	8
	5	2				7	4	
		6					5	
	8	1		3		5		
	3			5	2		1	9
					1		2	4
9	7		4		3			5
			5		8			7
6		5		1				3

SUDOKU for beginners